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SUBJECT: FEDERAL COUNCILOR FURGLER VISIT TO
WASHINGTON, APRIL 24.

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1. FOLLOWING THE WEEKEND BILDERBERG CONFERENCE AT PRINCETON,
SWISS FEDERAL COUNCILOR FURGLER PAID AN INFORMAL VISIT TO
WASHINGTON APRIL 24. HE HELD INFORMAL TALKS WITH SEVERAL
LEADING AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

2. A LAST MINUTE VENUE CHANGE ENABLED ATTORNEY GENERAL
BELL TO JOIN A BRIEF WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH THE VICE
PRESIDENT, FOR A GENERAL EXCHANGE ON INITIAL SUCCESSES
OF THE JUDICIAL MUTUAL ASSISTANCE TREATY AND THE IMPORTANCE
OF INTERNATIONAL COUNTER TERRORIST COOPERATION. SUB-
SEQUENTLY FURGLER MET FOR AN HOUR WITH CHIEF JUSTICE
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BURGER, WHO INTERRUPTED A SESSION OF THE SUPREME COURT
TO ALLOW FOR THIS DISCUSSION.

2. IN THE EVENING, THE SWISS AMBASSADOR HOSTED AN
INFORMAL DINNER IN FURGLER'S HONOR ATTENDED INTER ALIA
BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SEC CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS, FRB
GOVERNOR WALLICH, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL SHENENFIELD

(ANTITRUST), DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (CRIMINAL) KEENEY, DEPUTY FBI ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR ADAMS, FORMER ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE, LEGAL ADVISER HANSELL, AND EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GOODBY. AT THE DINNER FURGLER EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE FRIENDLY WELCOME HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIS AMERICAN INTERLOCUTORS. HE STRESSED THE SIMILARITY OF SWISS-US PRINCIPLES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BROAD MUTUAL COOPERATION. IN RESPONSE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSURED FURGLER OF THE HIGH REGARD WITH WHICH THE US HOLDS ITS SWISS TIES.

3. COMMENT. FURGLER WAS NOT ONLY PLEASED WITH THE WASHINGTON PORTION OF THIS VISIT, HIS DINNER REMARKS INDICATED HE WAS PARTICULARLY MOVED BY HIS VISIT TO ARLINGTON CEMETERY EARLIER IN THE DAY WHERE, AS HE STATED, HE WAS DIRECTLY CONFRONTED WITH THE SACRIFICE US MEMBERS OF HIS GENERATION HAD MADE DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN DEFENSE OF EUROPE AND ITS IDEALS. VANCE

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